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ABSTRACT

In June 1991, a study was conducted at South Carolina's Spartanburg Technical College to determine the career and educational experiences of graduates who had received an associate degree, diploma, or certificate in the 1987-88 academic year. Surveys were sent to 354 graduates, resulting in 123 usable responses. Study findings included the following: (1) 34% of the respondents were male, 10% were members of minority groups, and 45% were between 21 and 25 years of age; (2) 42.4% of the respondents had indicated upon enrollment that their main objective was to learn skills to enter the job market; (3) 94.5% indicated that they had achieved their main objective while enrolled at the college; (4) 94.3% were employed or continuing their education; (5) 81.3% of the employed respondents were in jobs related to their area of studies; (6) 20.8% indicated that they earned over $26,000 per year, while 16% had gross annual incomes of $14,000 or less; and (7) 77.6% agreed that the college provided either excellent or good preparation for employment. Tables of responses, including a chart of employers by college program, are included. The survey instrument is appended. (BCY)

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1987 - 1988 Graduates

3-Year Follow-up Study Summary of Report

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SPARTANBURG TECHNICAL COLLEGE

1987-88 GRADUATES

A THREE YEAR FOLLOW-UP STUDY

This study was conducted by the Job Placement Office in conjunction with the Office of Institutional Research. The purpose of the study was to examine the career and educational experiences of former curriculum students over an extended period of time. The population surveyed were Associate Degree, diploma and certificate recipients who completed their program of study at Spartanburg Technical College during the 1987-88 academic year.

In June 1991, the survey questionnaire and a postage-paid return envelope were mailed to 354 graduates. A second and final survey mailout to non-respondents was conducted in July 1991 and September 1991 respectively. By the end of October 1991, a total of 123 survey responses had been received, yielding a 51% response rate (excluding the 112 surveys that were not deliverable by the U. S. Postal Service).

In order to enhance the usefulness of the follow-up study, the main student database was used to extrapolate additional information and characteristics pertaining to the survey respondents.

Characteristics of the respondents were:

- Males represented 34% of the survey respondents.

- 10% of the respondents were minority graduates.

- Of those responding to the questionnaire, 45% were ages 21-25, 19% were ages 26-30, 23% were ages 31-40 and 13% were over 41 years of age.

- Twenty percent of the sample enrolled at Spartanburg Tech prior to the Fall Quarter of 1986. Slightly more than 36% entered in the Fall Quarter 1986(86-2).

- 51% of the respondents completed their program of study during the Summer Quarter 1988(88-1); 30% in the Spring Quarter 1988 (87-4); 9% in the Winter Quarter 1988(87-3) and 10% during the Fall Quarter 1987(87-2).

- The average number of curriculum hours taken by the respondents during their enrollment was 76.5 hours. The median and maximum total hours taken were 69.5 hours and 120 hours respectively.

- The median curriculum G.P.A. of the graduate respondents was 2.86 and the total median G.P.A. was 3.09.

- At the time of enrollment, nearly 85% of the survey respondents were residents of Spartanburg County, 5.6% from Cherokee County and 3.2% from Union County.

These respondent characteristics were found to be basically consistent with the overall group of graduates in the 1987-88 academic year.

A list of tables is provided to facilitate location of specific data. Results are presented by questionnaire profile in order to enhance the usefulness of the findings.

Caution should be exercised in generalizing this data due to the relatively small number of respondents in some career programs. Findings were not necessarily representative of these programs or the graduates of these programs.

Inquiries regarding this study should be directed to either the:

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1987-88 SPARTANBURG TECHNICAL COLLEGE GRADUATES

A THREE YEAR FOLLOW-UP STUDY

A follow-up study of the 1987-88 Spartanburg Technical College program graduates was conducted to provide insights into the educational and career experiences of former curriculum students over an extended period of time. The population surveyed included Associate Degree, diploma and certificate recipients who completed their program of study from the Fall Quarter of 1987 through the Summer Quarter of 1988.

Highlights of the findings were:

- Upon enrollment at Spartanburg Technical College, more than forty percent of survey respondents indicated their main objective was to learn skills to enter the job market(42.4%).

- Over ninety percent of the survey respondents achieved their main educational objective while enrolled at the college(94.5%).

- Approximately one-fourth of the graduates returning surveys had enrolled in additional educational courses since completing their course of study at Spartanburg Tech(26.4%). Of the graduates that pursued additional educational endeavors, nearly half of them re-enrolled in courses at Spartanburg Tech(48.3%).

- More than ninety percent of the respondents were either employed or continuing their education(94.3%).

- Over eighty percent of the graduate respondents were employed in jobs related to their program of graduation at Spartanburg Tech (81.3%).

- Approximately one out of five respondents indicated their current salary range to be above $26,000 (20.8%). Sixteen percent had gross annual incomes of $14,000 or less(15.8%).

- Over three-fourths of the respondents indicated that Spartanburg Tech provided either excellent or good preparation for employment (77.6%).

- Nearly all of the graduate respondents were either satisfied or very satisfied with the overall services offered at the college (98.2%). Satisfaction with particular aspects of the college was mostly positive (see Satisfaction Profile on page 13).

- Many of the graduates indicated that Spartanburg Tech enhanced a variety of their professional and personal skills (see Personal Improvement Profile on page 15).

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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE PROFILE

QUESTION: Which of the following best describes your main educational objective when you enrolled at Spartanburg Tech?

	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT
To learn skills to enter the job market	56	42.4%
To improve skills used in a current job	6	4.6%
To learn skills to prepare to change jobs/careers	37	28.0%
To earn an associate degree, diploma or certificate	23	17.4%
To earn transfer credit toward higher education	2	1.5%
To learn skills for personal enrichment or interest	8	6.1%

QUESTION: Did you accomplish your educational objective?

	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT
Yes, educational objective met	103	94.5%
No, educational objective not met	6	5.5%

EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS PROFILE

QUESTION: Have you enrolled in any further educational courses since completing your program at Spartanburg Tech?

	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT
Yes, currently pursuing additional education	13	11.8%
Yes, previously enrolled in additional education courses	16	14.6%
No, have not enrolled in any additional courses/training	81	73.6%

QUESTION: If you have enrolled in additional educational or training courses, was training related to your program of study at Spartanburg Tech?

	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT
Yes, additional training related to program of study	23	92.0%
No, additional training not related to program of study	2	8.0%

QUESTION: How well did Spartanburg Tech prepare you for additional studies?

	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT
Excellent Preparation	7	28.0%
Good Preparation	10	40.0%
Adequate Preparation	8	32.0%
Inadequate Preparation	0	0.0%
Undecided	0	0.0%

EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS PROFILE(Continued)

INSTITUTION OF ENROLLMENT	COURSE / DEGREE	STATUS	STC PROGRAM OF GRADUATION
California College of Health Sciences	Respiratory Science (Associate Degree)	Non-current	Respiratory Therapy Technician
Clemson University	Industrial Education	Current	Mechanical Engineering Technology
Francis Marion College	Civil Engineering/ Health Sciences	Current	Civil Engineering Technology
Greenville Tech	Advanced Placement Nursing	Current	Practical Nursing
Greenville Tech	Nursing(ADN Program)	Non-current	Practical Nursing
Greenville Tech	Nursing(ADN Program)	Non-current	Practical Nursing
Gupton College of Funeral Service	Funeral Directing/ Embalming	Current	Marketing
Limestone College	Business Management	Current	Accounting
Limestone College	Business Management	Non-current	Marketing
Medical University of South Carolina	Nursing(RN Program)	Current	Surgical Technology
St. Joseph's University	Pre-Med	Current	Respiratory Therapy
Spartanburg Tech	Engineering Graphics Technology	Current	Computer-Aided Design/ Drafting
Spartanburg Tech	Office Systems Tech	Non-current	General Office
Spartanburg Tech	Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning	Current	Industrial Electronics Technology
Spartanburg Tech	National Electrical Code(certificate)	Non-current	Industrial Electronics Technology
Spartanburg Tech	Boiler Room Maint/ Repair(certificate)	Non-current	Industrial Mechanics
Spartanburg Tech	National Electrical Code(certificate)	Non-current	Industrial Mechanics
Spartanburg Tech	General Technology (Associate Degree)	Non-current	Industrial Mechanics
Spartanburg Tech	Wastewater C & D (certificate)	Non-current	Industrial Mechanics

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EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS PROFILE(Continued)

INSTITUTION OF ENROLLMENT	COURSE / DEGREE	STATUS	STC PROGRAM OF GRADUATION
Spartanburg Tech	Electronics Engineering Technology	Non-current	Mechanical Engineering Technology
Spartanburg Tech	DOS, Display Write, Lotus 1-2-3 (certificates)	Non-current	Nuclear Services Technology
Spartanburg Tech	Cert. Professional Secretary(certificate)	Non-current	Secretarial Science
Spartanburg Tech	Respiratory Therapy	Current	Ward Secretary
Spartanburg Tech	Office Systems Tech	Current	Word Processing
Spartanburg Tech	WordPerfect 5.1 (certificate)	Non-current	Word Processing
Trident Tech	Associate of Sciences Degree	Non-current	Surgical Technology
USC-Spartanburg	Nursing(ADN Program)	Current	Practical Nursing
USC-Spartanburg	Nursing(BSN Program)	Current	Practical Nursing
USC-Spartanburg	Nursing	Non-current	Ward Secretary

EMPLOYMENT STATUS PROFILE

	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT
Employed, Full Time	99	80.5%
Employed, Part Time	5	4.1%
Employed, Full Time and Continuing Education	7	5.7%
Employed, Part Time and Continuing Education	2	1.6%
Continuing Education(only)	3	2.4%
Unemployed	7	5.7%

	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT
Employed Full Time in Job Related to Training	93	75.6%
Employed Part Time in Job Related to Training	7	5.7%
Employed Full Time in Job Unrelated to Training	13	10.6%
Employed Part Time in Job Unrelated to Training	0	0.0%
Continuing Education(only)	3	2.4%
Unemployed	7	5.7%

EMPLOYMENT STATUS PROFILE(Continued)

GRADUATES' PROGRAM OF STUDY	EMPLOYER	POSITION	JOB RELATED TO TRAINING
ACCOUNTING	Allen Funk's Wallpapaer	Operations Manager	Yes
	Lockwood-Greene Engineers	Accounts Payable Clerk	Yes
	Lockwood-Greene Engineers	Billing Clerk	Yes
	T W Services, Inc.	Field Accountant	Yes
	T W Services, Inc.	Account Assistant	Yes
	Ranjo, Inc.	Office Manager	Yes
	The Poe Corporation	Accounting Supervisor	Yes
	Quality Chrysler-Jeep	Warranty Clerk	Yes
	Spartan Food Systems	Accounts Payable Clerk	Yes
CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT	Debbie Owensbee	Childcare Monitor	Yes
	Unemployed	---	---
	Unemployed	---	---
CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY	SC Dept. of Highways and Public Transportation	Engineering Technician	Yes
	Days Inn	Front Desk Manager	No
COMPUTER-AIDED DRAFTING/DESIGN	UCMI	CAD Operator	Yes
COMPUTER OPERATIONS (DATA PROCESSING MACHINE OPERATIONS)	Stevens Aviation	Computer Operator	Yes
	MicroTech Computer Systems	Computer Technician	Yes
	Tietex Corporation	Production Scheduler	Yes
	Spartanburg County Health Department	Administrative Spec.	No
	SC Dept. of Social Services	Accounting Technician	Yes
	Milliken and Company	Computer Operator	Yes
	Manpower Temporary Service	Computer Operator	Yes

EMPLOYMENT STATUS PROFILE(Continued)

GRADUATES' PROGRAM OF STUDY	EMPLOYER	POSITION	JOB RELATED TO TRAINING
COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY (COMPUTER PROGRAMMING)	Brookview House Inc.	LPN	No
	Lucas Industries	Programmer Analyst	Yes
	Kohler Company	PC Programmer/Analyst	Yes
	Greenville Hospital System	Programmer Specialist	Yes
	Michelin Tire Corporation	Computer Operator	Yes
	Entre' Computer Center	Hardware Technician	Yes
	J. M. Smith Corp./QS1	Marketing Rep.	No
	Westinghouse Distribution	Computer Programmer	Yes
DENTAL ASSISTING	Dr. James B. Newman	Dental Assistant	Yes
	Dr. Leslie T. Jacobs	Dental Assistant	Yes
ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY	Reeves Brothers, Inc.	Electronics Technician	Yes
ENGINEERING GRAPHICS TECHNOLOGY	Arrow Steel Products	CAD Operator	Yes
GENERAL OFFICE	Spartanburg Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission	Secretary III	Yes
	Spartanburg Technical Coll.	Administrative Spec.	Yes
	County of Spartanburg	Secretary III	Yes
	Spartanburg Technical Coll.	Administrative Spec.	Yes
GENERAL TECHNOLOGY	Parker Industries	Honer	Yes
GENERAL TECHNOLOGY-AUTOMOTIVE	Advance Auto Parts	Store Manager	Yes
	Advance Auto Parts	Store Manager	Yes
HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING TECHNOLOGY	Upstate Heating and A/C	Service Technician	Yes
HORTICULTURE TECHNOLOGY	Just Weddings	Designer	Yes

EMPLOYMENT STATUS PROFILE(Continued)

GRADUATES' PROGRAM OF STUDY	EMPLOYER	POSITION	JOB RELATED TO TRAINING
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY	TNS Mills	Electronics Technician	Yes
	Duke Power Company	Engineering Associate	Yes
	Spartan Radiocasting	Maintenance Engineer	Yes
	Timken Company	Electronics Specialist	Yes
	Progess Lighting	Electricain	Yes
	Karastan-Bigelow	Weaver	No
	Arrow Automotive	Service Technician	Yes
	Tubular Textile Machinery	Technical Service Rep.	Yes
	Unemployed	---	---
INDUSTRIAL MECHANICS	Stouffer's, Inc.	Equipment Mechanic	Yes
	Kohler Company	Maintenance Mechanic	Yes
	NAPA Auto Parts	Counter Salesman	No
	Skinner Electrical Co.	Electrician	Yes
	Autolite Corporation	Maintenance Mechanic	Yes
	Hayssen Manufacturing Co.	Electrical Tester	Yes
	Spartanburg Steel Company	Industrial Mechanic	Yes
	Delta Woodside-Mickel Plant	Maintenance Technician	Yes
MANAGEMENT	Spartanburg Regional Medical Center	Patient Representative	No
MARKETING	Milliken and Company	Secretary	No
	Rent-a-Center	Manager	No
	Maxwell Funeral Home	Apprentice/Sales	Yes
	Wilson World	Sales Manager	Yes
	Young Office Supply	Customer Service Rep.	Yes

EMPLOYMENT STATUS PROFILE(Continued)

GRADUATES' PROGRAM OF STUDY	EMPLOYER	POSITION	JOB RELATED TO TRAINING
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY	Westinghouse Airbrake Co.	Drafter	Yes
MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY	Wallace Thompson Hospital	Medical Lab Technician	Yes
	Mary Black Mem. Hospital	Medical Lab Technician	Yes
	Spartanburg Regional Medical Center	Medical Lab Technician	Yes
	Wallace Thompson Hospital	Medical Lab Technician	Yes
	Unemployed	---	---
MEDICAL SECRETARY/ TRANSCRIPTIONIST	Mary Black Mem. Hospital	Secretary/Transcription	Yes
NUCLEAR SERVICE TECHNOLOGY	Westinghouse Electrical Corporation	Nuclear Service Tech.	Yes
	Westinghouse Electrical Corporation	Field Service Engineer	Yes
	Master-Lee Energy Services	Service Engineer	No
PRACTICAL NURSING	Mary Black Mem. Hospital	LPN	Yes
	Mary Black Mem. Hospital	RN	Yes
	Mary Black Mem. Hospital	Staff LPN	Yes
	Spartanburg Regional Medical Center	LPN	Yes
	Spartanburg Regional Medical Center	Staff LPN	Yes
	Doctors Memorial Hospital	LPN	Yes
	Family Physicians of Sptbg.	LPN	Yes
	Charles Lea Center	LPN	Yes

EMPLOYMENT STATUS PROFILE(Continued)

GRADUATES' PROGRAM OF STUDY	EMPLOYER	POSITION	JOB RELATED TO TRAINING
RADIOLOGY TECHNOLOGY	Spartanburg Regional Medical Center	Radiologic Technician	Yes
	Piedmont Interstate Medical Association	Radiologic Technologist	Yes
	Orthopaedic Associates PA	X-Ray Technician	Yes
	Mary Black Mem. Hospital	Staff Technolgist	Yes
RESPIRATORY THERAPY TECHNICIAN	Mary Black Mem. Hospital	Respiratory Technician	Yes
	Bryn Mawr Hospital	Staff Therapist	Yes
SECRETARIAL SCIENCE	NCNB	Administrative Spec.	Yes
SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY	Spartanburg Regional Medical Center	Surgical Technician	Yes
	Spartanburg Regional Medical Center	Surgical Technician	Yes
	Carolina Plastic Surgery	Surgical Technician	Yes
	St. Francis Xavier Hosp.	Surgical Technician	Yes
	Mary Black Mem. Hospital	Surgical Technician	Yes
	Mary Black Mem. Hospital	Surgical Technician	Yes
	Unemployed	---	---
VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION	Spartanburg Technical College	HVAC Department Head	Yes
WARD SECRETARY	Spartanburg Regional Medical Center	Ward Secretary	Yes
	Spartanburg Regional Medical Center	Ward Secretary	Yes
	Spartanburg Regional Medical Center	Ward Secretary	Yes
	Spartanburg Regional Medical Center	ABG Lab Technician/ Ward Secretary	Yes
	Unemployed	---	---

EMPLOYMENT STATUS PROFILE(Continued)

GRADUATES' PROGRAM OF STUDY	EMPLOYER	POSITION	JOB RELATED TO TRAINING
WELDING (Diploma)	Kusters Corporation	Welder	Yes
	Jeffrey-Dresser Ind.	Welder	Yes
	Siemens Energy and Automation	Welder	Yes
	Unemployed	---	---
WORD PROCESSING	Spartanburg Regional Medical Center	Secretary	Yes
	MEMC Corporation	Evaluation Specialist	No
	Marshall Pickens Hosp.	Clerk	Yes
	Spartanburg City Animal Control	Secretary	No
	TNS Mills, Inc.	Corporate Secretary	Yes
	SC National Bank	Secretary	Yes
	SC Dept. of Highways and Public Transportation	Administrative Spec.	Yes
	Estate and Financial Planning Services	Administrative Asst.	Yes
	Community Cash Stores	Clerk/Receptionist	Yes
	Spartanburg Technical College	Secretary	Yes
	Petite Textile Machinery	Secretary	No

EMPLOYMENT STATUS PROFILE(Continued)

SALARY RANGES

SALARY RANGE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT
$10,000 or less	4	4.0%
$10,001 to $12,000	5	4.9%
$12,001 to $14,000	7	6.9%
$14,001 to $16,000	11	10.9%
$16,001 to $18,000	13	12.9%
$18,001 to $20,000	15	14.8%
$20,001 to $22,000	14	13.9%
$22,001 to $24,000	7	6.9%
$24,001 to $26,000	4	4.0%
$26,001 to $28,000	2	2.0%
$28,001 to $30,000	10	9.9%
$30,001 and above	9	8.9%

QUESTION: How well did Spartanburg Technical College prepare you for employment?

	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT
Excellent Preparation	46	38.4%
Good Preparation	47	39.2%
Adequate Preparation	19	15.8%
Inadequate Preparation	1	0.8%
Undecided	7	5.8%

SATISFACTION PROFILE

SATISFACTION WITH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE COLLEGE

LEVELS OF SATISFACTION

Not Applicable or Did Not Use(N/A)
Very Satisfied(VS)
Satisfied(S)
Dissatisfied(D)
Very Dissatisfied(VD)

ASPECT OF COLLEGE	N/A	VS	S	D	VD
			PERCENTAGES		
Admissions	0.0%	34.3%	62.9%	1.9%	0.9%
Registration	0.0%	36.2%	60.0%	2.9%	0.9%
Financial Aid	58.5%	25.5%	12.3%	2.8%	0.9%
Counseling	41.5%	21.7%	30.2%	6.6%	0.0%
Academic Instruction	2.9%	45.7%	45.7%	3.8%	1.9%
Academic Courses	0.0%	44.8%	47.6%	3.8%	3.8%
Course Availability	0.0%	45.2%	44.2%	9.6%	1.0%
Labs, equipment, facilities	4.8%	46.6%	38.1%	8.6%	1.9%
Attitude of Faculty	0.0%	52.8%	42.5%	1.9%	2.8%
Attitude of Other Staff	1.9%	42.9%	52.4%	1.9%	0.9%
Job Placement	22.6%	32.1%	28.3%	9.4%	7.6%
Student Activities	29.5%	23.8%	41.0%	4.8%	0.9%
Library	8.5%	46.2%	44.4%	0.9%	0.0%
Food Services	28.3%	24.5%	38.7%	6.6%	1.9%

SATISFACTION PROFILE(Continued)

QUESTION: Overall, how satisfied were you with the services offered at Spartanburg Technical College?

	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT
Very Satisfied	53	48.2%
Satisfied	55	50.0%
Dissatisfied	1	0.9%
Very Dissatisfied	1	0.9%

QUESTION: Would you recommend Spartanburg Technical College to others who are interested in furthering their education?

	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT
Yes, would recommend Spartanburg Tech to others	99	93.4%
No, would not recommend Spartanburg Tech to others	1	0.9%
Undecided	6	5.7%

PERSONAL IMPROVEMENT PROFILE

QUESTION: To what extent did your attendance at Spartanburg Tech help you to accomplish the following aspects?

LEVELS OF IMPROVEMENT

4 - A Great Amount
3 - A Good Amount
2 - A Fair Amount
1 - A Small Amount
0 - Not at All

ASPECTS	PERCENTAGES 4	3	2	1	0
Improved ability to communicate orally	22.7%	38.2%	29.1%	6.4%	3.6%
Improved ability to communicate in writing	16.4%	34.5%	38.2%	7.3%	3.6%
Clarified educational or career goals	33.6%	41.8%	17.3%	5.5%	1.8%
Broadened general skills and knowledge	50.0%	36.3%	12.8%	0.0%	0.9%
Enhanced self-confidence	35.5%	37.3%	22.7%	1.8%	2.7%
Improved decision-making ability	24.5%	41.8%	26.4%	5.5%	1.8%
Improved learning skills	38.2%	29.1%	26.4%	4.5%	1.8%
Improved quality of life	40.0%	34.6%	19.1%	3.6%	2.7%

COLLEGE IMPROVEMENT PROFILE

List ways Spartanburg Technical College can improve services:

- Provide scholarships. Lower book rates.
- Decrease book prices.
- Services can be improved by giving more on-the-job training or or actual insights into the business field
- Utilize a panel of graduates to review the programs they graduated from
- I would like to see Spartanburg Tech offer an ADN nursing program so that prospective students don't have to pay a fortune or drive forty miles away.
- Offer more nursing courses that will transfer to other colleges
- Need RN program or at least program for LPNs to advance to RN.
- Offer a 2-year nursing course
- More advanced medical technology programs
- Keep medical labs up-to-date
- Add new and updated lab equipment. Update courses according to industry requirements
- Enlarge break/study room in buildings. There are not enough seats available between classes.
- Maybe start a Bachelor degree program with some of the Business courses
- Make it easier for credits earned at Spartanburg Tech to transfer to other institutions
- Transfer credits for a 4-year degree
- Keep graduates aware of job openings that are available
- Have better job placement hours for students that attend at night
- The Placement Office should work a little more to find students jobs
- More help in job placement
- Have interviews at the time of graduation like four-year colleges do

COLLEGE IMPROVEMENT PROFILE(Continued)

- More information about job market and wages that could be earned
- More information on getting started in a good career
- Bring in people from local industries and professional groups to help students what jobs and job skills are needed in Spartanburg area
- Have more career choices and more on-the-job training
- Offer more on-the-job training for more students, not just a few
- Have practical program for Management students where they do on-the job training
- Offer more cooperative education courses
- Stricter levels of performances for instructors
- Stricter regiment in academic standards
- Enlist and support faculty. Encourage student involvement.
- Follow-up classes in the next term. For instance, Word Processing 1, 2, 3 should be offered in successive terms.
- More course availability
- Broaden subject matter
- More evening classes for students who may be employed full-time
- Offer more computer software courses for day students. There only seems to be general computer and word processing courses available for students.
- Advertise more
- Use more avenues to advertise such as TV and radio to get the word out and to get people thinking about their future or education.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION POLL

QUESTION: Would you be interested in participating in a Spartanburg Technical College Alumni Association?

	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT
Yes, I would be interested	43	39.5%
No, I would not be interested	36	33.0%
Undecided	30	27.5%

APPENDIX

APPENDIX A: 3-Year Graduate Follow-Up Survey

APPENDIX A

SPARTANBURG TECHNICAL COLLEGE

3-YEAR GRADUATE FOLLOW-UP SURVEY

Name/Social Security #/Address Correction:

_____

_____

_____

Home Telephone #

_____

Dear Former Student:

As part of Spartanburg Technical College's continuing commitment to improve its programs and services, we are surveying 1987-88 career program graduates. Please complete the following form, then return the survey in the enclosed envelope. Responses will be kept strictly confidential and reported only as group data.

_____

1. What is your current employment/educational status?

   1 Employed, full time 2 Employed, part time 3 Unemployed
   4 Enrolled in school
   (Name of School_____Course_____)

2. If you are employed, please provide the following information.

   Name of Employer _____

   Mailing Address _____

   Job Position_____ Date of Employment_____

3. Is your present job related to the program you completed at Spartanburg Tech?

   1 No, my employment is not related 2 Yes, my job is related to my course of study

   If yes, briefly explain or list your job duties that relate to your training at Spartanburg Tech.

   _____

   _____

4. If you are <u>not</u> presently employed or if your present job is <u>not related</u> to the program you completed at Spartanburg Tech, have you had a related job at <u>any time</u> since leaving?

   1 No, I have not had any related employment 2 Yes, I have had related employment

   If no, skip to question #6; otherwise, complete the following employment information.

   Name of Employer_____

   Mailing Address_____

   Job Position_____ Employment Dates_____to_____

   Description of Job Duties_____

   _____

5. If you are presently employed, what is your current annual salary range?

1 Less than $10,000	4 $14,001 to $16,000	7 $20,001 to $22,000	10 $26,001 to $28,000
2 $10,001 to $12,000	5 $16,001 to $18,000	8 $22,001 to $24,000	11 $28,001 to $30,000
3 $12,001 to $14,000	6 $18,001 to $20,000	9 $24,001 to $26,000	12 $30,001 and above

6. Overall, how well did Spartanburg Tech prepare you for employment?

   1 Excellent preparation 2 Good preparation 3 Adequate preparation
   4 Inadequate preparation 5 Not sure

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7. Which of the following best describes your main educational objective when you enrolled at Tech?

1 To learn skills that would prepare you to enter job market
2 To improve skills on your current job
3 To learn skills to prepare you to change careers
4 To earn a certificate, diploma or degree
5 To earn transfer credit toward higher education
6 To learn things for personal enrichment or interest

8. Did you accomplish this goal?

1 Yes 2 No

If no, why not?

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9. Have you enrolled in any further educational courses since completing your Spartanburg Tech career program?

1 No - Go to Question #12 2 Yes - Complete the following information

	Name of School	Course	Degree Earned
A			
B			
C			

10. Was any of your additional training/education related to your program of study at Spartanburg Tech?

1 No 2 Yes

11. How well did Spartanburg Tech prepare you for additional studies?

1 Excellent preparation
2 Good preparation
3 Adequate preparation
4 Inadequate preparation
5 Undecided

12. To what extent did your attendance at Spartanburg Technical College help you accomplish the following? (For each item, circle the number that most closely reflects your opinion).

	A Great Deal		A Fair Amount		Not at All
1 Improved your ability to communicate orally	4	3	2	1	0
2 Improved your ability to communicate in writing	4	3	2	1	0
3 Clarified your educational or career goals	4	3	2	1	0
4 Broadened your general knowledge	4	3	2	1	0
5 Enhanced your confidence in yourself	4	3	2	1	0
6 Improved your decision-making abilities	4	3	2	1	0
7 Increased your enjoyment of learning	4	3	2	1	0
8 Improved your quality of life	4	3	2	1	0

13. Circle the number indicating your level of satisfaction with each of the following aspects of the college.

0-Not Applicable or Did Not Use(N/A)
1-Very Satisfied(VS) 2-Satisfied(S)
3-Dissatisfied(D) 4-Very Dissatisfied(VD)

	LEVEL OF SATISFACTION				
	N/A	VS	S	D	VD
1 Admissions.	0	1	2	3	4
2 Registration.	0	1	2	3	4
3 Financial Aid	0	1	2	3	4
4 Counseling.	0	1	2	3	4
5 Academic Instruction. . .	0	1	2	3	4
6 Academic Courses.	0	1	2	3	4
7 Course Availability . . .	0	1	2	3	4
8 Labs, equipment, supplies	0	1	2	3	4
9 Attitude of Faculty . . .	0	1	2	3	4
10 Attitude of Other Staff .	0	1	2	3	4
11 Job Placement	0	1	2	3	4
12 Student Activities. . . .	0	1	2	3	4
13 Library	0	1	2	3	4
14 Food Services	0	1	2	3	4

14. Overall, how satisfied were you with services offered at Spartanburg Tech?

1 Very Satisfied
2 Satisfied
3 Dissatisfied
4 Very Dissatisfied

15. Would you recommend Spartanburg Technical College to others who are interested in furthering their their education?

1 Yes 2 No 3 Undecided

16. Would you be interested in participating in a Spartanburg Technical College Alumni Association?

1 Yes 2 No 3 Undecided

17. List ways Spartanburg Tech can improve services.

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Thank you for taking part in this effort to improve Spartanburg Technical College. We sincerely appreciate your assistance.

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